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HOUSE RESOLUTION 278
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mrs. Pat Black, on the occasion of Provider Appreciation Day, for her laudable service to the children of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who, through their extraordinary volunteer efforts, have made a positive difference in the health and well-being of Tennessee's children; and

WHEREAS, Provider Appreciation Day annually honors those individuals who conscientiously and compassionately perform the challenging and rewarding tasks of educating and caring for Tennessee's most important asset, our children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pat Black is one such outstanding individual, who volunteers her time and resources to assist the child care providers in her community in teaching and caring for the young children in their charge; and

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WHEREAS, an adopted grandmother at her daughter Earlene Evans's day care center, Mrs. Black loves spending time with all the children there and has spent countless hours reading to, and rocking, these children; and

WHEREAS, committed to lifelong learning, this remarkable woman has attended TECTA and has participated in day care workshops in order to attain new and innovative ideas to help children learn; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pat Black helps to decorate her daughter's pre-school and other pre-schools in the area for various seasons and holidays, creating a bright and cheerful environment for all the children at Moore Coffee Family Child Care; she also creates fun and colorful learning tools for the children, including game boards and flannel board stories; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Black has distinguished herself as a professional of the utmost integrity and acumen through her meritorious service as a waitress for many years and as a Secretary for the School Board of Transportation in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, she exemplifies the spirit of allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she is the loving mother of four children, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout all her volunteer efforts, Mrs. Pat Black has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Black has devoted her many talents to the care of the children of her community; countless young lives have been enhanced by her loving care and dedicated, thoughtful service; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this year's Provider Appreciation Day, which will be held on May 10, 2002, it is fitting that members of this legislative body recognize Mrs. Pat Black for her many years of extraordinary service to the families of this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize Mrs. Pat Black on the occasion of Provider Appreciation Day on May 10, 2002, express our gratitude for her meritorious service to the children of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.